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UNIVERSITY | INTERVIEW

Candidate uses collaboration

By **MATT HOPF**
News Editor

John Omachonu focuses on collaboration with chairs of departments and faculty when making important decisions in his administrative roles.

"As associate dean, I have made it a point to visit every faculty in their respective offices," he said.

The current associate dean for the College of Mass Communication at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn., Omachonu is interviewing for the position of dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.

Arved Larsen, professor of music and former associate dean of fine arts at Illinois State University, visited campus last week to interview for the position.

Robert Augustine, dean of the Graduate School, met Omachonu at the social with the campus and community Tuesday night.

"I think he brings a lot of experience to the position that would be valuable to the college," Augustine said. "He has experience developing criteria for making important decisions."

Omachonu said at Middle Tennessee he works with chairs within the department through the executive committee, similar to a committee at Eastern.

"On every key decision, you make sure there is adequate consulting," he said.

Omachonu said he was impressed with the quality of students and the quality of faculty at Eastern. He also mentioned the strong structure of the college and how he would make sure to continue the tradition.



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Arts and humanities dean candidate John Omachonu, left, laughs with Dean of the Graduate School Robert Augustine, right, during a faculty and campus social on Tuesday afternoon in the Room 1895 of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

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CAMPUS | PROGRAM

EWP explained, clarified at latest forum

By **BOB BAJEK**
Student Government Editor



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, answers questions about the Electronic Writing Portfolio requirements at a forum in the Physical Science building on Tuesday night. The Student Government-led event allowed for students to hear about the history of the EWP and how it has changed into the program now in place.

The Electronic Writing Portfolio forum Tuesday night clarified some questions and concerns students had about the requirement.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and Bonnie Irwin, dean of the Honors College, answered questions.

Lord said the EWP started in 2000 to replace the Writing Competency Exam, a three-hour test that would be held at 8 a.m. on a Saturday.

Irwin said the test would be divided into three parts: grammar and usage, expository essay and a persuasive essay. Students would not know about the essay topics and would have to pay for the exam.

Many students would come into the test intoxicated and not do well, Irwin said.

"It was not accurately measuring how our students were writing because they were really better writers than they performed on the exam," she said. "It's not the time, it's the type of writing. In a real writing situation, you are given a blind question and asked to respond in a

matter of minutes. That was one of the problems that professionals have said."

The administration then got together and created a more accurate gauge of students' writing abilities.

"The Writing Competency Exam contained vanilla writing, the kind where students didn't invest time to learn about the topic and commit to," Lord said. "EWP takes samples from coursework that students are in and presumably committed to succeed in."

The EWP was revised last summer to actually have samples submitted online instead of walking to Ninth Street Hall, Lord said. There would also be three submissions at 750 words or longer not including lesson plans, poetry, short stories, plays or foreign language written pieces.

Students who score below a two on written submissions are encouraged and notified to go to the Writing Center and or the Student Success Center. Failure to do so would result in a hold on the student's records.

The highest score that can be received is a four.

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CAMPUS | INCIDENT

Pike house residents relocated

By **TYLER ANGELO**
Managing Editor

Students playing football in the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house in Greek Court struck a second-floor sprinkler head around 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, prompting a response from the Charleston Fire Department.

Residents of the house were relocated for at least one night.

Capt. Todd Foster, of the Charleston Fire Department, said at least 12 rooms – six on both floors – received water damage from the incident. He said several students were playing catch and the ball struck the sprinkler head.

University police officer Ryan Risinger said Gary Hanebrink, Eastern safety officer, closed the building because there was no "fire protection resources" within the building after the incident.

The amount of damage was unknown at press time.

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HEALTH | DISEASE

Acid reflux affects many

Tactics, medicine are available to ease suffering

By **CHARLES LEGRAND**
Staff Reporter

Acid reflux disease affects one out of 14 Americans daily.

People plagued with the disease are often unaware of the prevention tactics available to easily treat acid reflux and never suffer from the disease again.

Symptoms of acid reflux include burning sensation in the chest, dry cough, hoarseness in the throat, regurgitation of acid and waking up in the middle of the night with a foul taste in the mouth.

"Acid reflux happens when digestive acids reflux or travel up the esophagus from the stomach," said Aaron Miller, physician at the Human Services.

He said in order for acid to travel up the esophagus, the lower esophageal sphincter has to either be weakened or relaxed.

The lower esophageal sphincter is a muscular valve found between the esophagus and the stomach and opens and closes as food enters the stomach, Miller said.

This phenomena can be triggered by eating unhealthy foods, ingesting caffeine or being overweight. Eating large amounts of food in one meal and eating before sleep can also spark acid reflux.

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EIU WEATHER

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FACULTY SENATE | MEETING

Student success addressed at Faculty Senate

Success center aims at helping at-risk students improve academic goals

By SARAH RUHOLL
Assistant Verge Editor

The Student Success Center has seen more success than it had hoped when the center received a five-year \$1.85 million grant.

The main purposes of the grant, awarded in fall 2006, were to add onto Ninth Street Hall and to develop and expand programs for student success and retention.

"If you've had the opportunity to go down Ninth Street in the last few months, you'll see an addition to Ninth Street is quickly rising, and it is quickly rising, that will house the new Student Success Center," said Cindy Boyer, assistant director of the center.

Boyer discussed this and the successes of the center's different programs at the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday afternoon in Booth Library.

"The meat and potatoes is to develop programs and services directed toward student success and retention," Boyer said.

One program, EIU 2919: Strategies for Academic Success, has seen particularly impressive results. The class is required for students placed on academic warning.

"We're looking for students to create a sense of responsibility for their own education," Boyer said.

Before it began in the fall of 2007, only 34 percent of students placed on academic warning ever returned to good standing.

Now, 51 percent of students return to good standing the semester they are enrolled in the course. By the semester after completing the course, 69 percent have returned to good standing.

When writing the grant, the center's goal was to get the percentage up to 60 by 2011. This has already been surpassed.

John Pommier, Faculty Senate chair and a member of the center's advisory committee, said the progress the center has seen so far is impressive and sets Eastern up to be a leader.

Advisors, professors, the Office of Minority Affairs or the writing center can refer students to the center. Students can also choose to come in on their own.



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Faculty Senate Chair John Henry Pommier laughs at a joke during the meeting on Tuesday afternoon in Booth Library. Tuesday's meeting included presentations about the Student Success Center and the Electronic Writing Portfolio.

"The meat and potatoes is to develop programs and services directed toward student success and retention."

— Cindy Boyer, assistant director of Student Success Center

"At the Student Success Center last year, we saw over 1,700 students come in for consultation," Boyer said.

The center has an online home at www.eiu.edu/~success for students who want a few guidelines for academic success.

"Students who don't particularly want to come in and talk to me can do it from their dorm," she said.

Karla Sanders, the director of the Center for Academic Support & Achievement, spoke to the senate about how the changes to the Electronic Writing Portfolio worked last semester.

Of the 2,258 submissions received last semester, 843 were from seniors, more than one-third of the total submissions.

"We're hoping to ratchet those

numbers down so we'll have a higher percentage of lower classes and fewer seniors submitting," Sanders said.

Professors are still concerned with some of the workings of the EWP.

Ruth Hoberman, an English professor and senate member, was concerned about the scoring rubric being too closely related to the grading rubric.

She said her initial reaction is to change the grade to the corresponding number, but a two is considered at-risk.

Hoberman does not believe a C paper should be considered at-risk and does not want students to see it as below average.

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WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

Backward green comet makes one-time visit

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An odd, greenish backward-flying comet is zipping by Earth this month, as it takes its only trip toward the sun from the farthest edges of the solar system.

The comet is called Lulin, and there's a chance it can be seen with the naked eye, far from city lights, astronomers say. But you'll most likely need a telescope, or at least binoculars, to spot it.

The best opportunity is just before dawn one-third of the way up the southern sky. It should be near Saturn and

two bright stars, Spica and Regula.

On Monday at 10:43 p.m. EST, it will be 38 million miles from Earth, the closest it will ever get, according to Donald Yeomans, manager of NASA's Near Earth Object program.

Lulin was discovered by a Chinese teenager two years ago. It still has many of its original gases — gases that are usually stripped away as comets near the sun.

It came from the outskirts of the solar system, 18 trillion miles away. Once it's made the journey around the sun, Lulin will gain enough speed to escape the solar system, Edberg said.

CAMPUS | EVENT

Tribute paid to African-American pilots

BY HEATHER HOLM
Activities Editor

Doug Lawhead, a professor of journalism, has a special connection to Charlie Hall, a Tuskegee pilot that once attended Eastern.

Lawhead led the event "EIU's Tuskegee Airman and Other Ties to Black Aviation History" Tuesday night.

The Tuskegee Airman Hall interested Lawhead so he looked into his story.

"I pick a vehicle, research it and look more into it," Lawhead said.

Hall went to Eastern Illinois when it was Eastern Illinois State Teacher's College and was on a football scholarship.

Lawhead said he thinks Hall was the only African-American person on campus because he was the only one in his freshman and sophomore year at Eastern and at the bottom of his contact information card it said "colored."

Lawhead got a chance to talk to Hall's high school football coach, Harry Sockler, before he died. Sockler, Hall's coach at his hometown of Brazil, Ind., was the reason that Hall went to Eastern.

"Sockler said he thought Hall might get a chance at a little school like that," Lawhead said.



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Journalism professor Doug Lawhead speaks Tuesday night about the Tuskegee Airmen who flew during World War II at the "Tuskegee Airman and Other Coles County Ties to Black Aviation History" event. Lawhead spoke of many firsts in the field of Black aviation, including the first female pilot and the first airmail flight by a black man to Mattoon and Charleston in the 1930s.

Hall had a fighter's mentality, though.

"He wanted to prove something," Lawhead said. "If you don't have what it takes, they (the Tuskegee Institute) won't take you."

Hall attended the Tuskegee institute and graduated, even though it was very difficult.

"In one class, only 5 out of 13 graduated," Lawhead said.

Lawhead also told the story of Grover C. Nash, the first African-American to fly airmail from Chicago to Mattoon, to Charleston and back to Chicago in one day on the 20th Anniversary of airmail.

Lawhead said Nash picked up 500

letters in Mattoon and 700 letters in Charleston at the airport where Art Park West used to be.

"Why isn't there a historical marker somewhere is this county signifying Grover Nash's one-day flight?" Lawhead said.

Lawhead found the only living witness to the landing, Army Archer, and talked to him about a year and a half ago. Archer was 14 years old at the time and lived in Mattoon. Lawhead said Archer said the airplane arrival was widely publicized.

"Archer said they were all shocked when a black man got out of the airplane. It was a statement of the times," Lawhead said.

He also told the story of Bessie Coleman, the first African-American woman to attain a pilot's license, even though she had to get it in France.

Lawhead said Coleman became interested in aviation when she moved to Chicago from the south while in her teens.

An audience member said the Tuskegee airmen intrigued him.

"I've always been fascinated with the Tuskegee airmen, and I think if I lived then, I would have tried to become one of them," said Harold Hopgood, Mattoon resident.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Heritage Month event features faith, religion

As part of African American Heritage Month, Norman Greer will present "Faith: A Religious Perspective" at 6 p.m. today in the Greenup Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Greer is the associate professor in the communication studies department.

The event is open to all.

Professor shares experiences from Africa

As part of Booth Library's exhibit, "Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African American Identity," Klevator Abo will present the lecture "Kente Iconicity and 'Black Atlantic' Cultural Politics" at 7 p.m. Thursday in Room 4440 in Booth Library.

Abo, instructor for African-American Studies at Eastern, will interweave historical movements with the rise of the brightly colored kente during his presentation.

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— Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

CITY | MEETING

Council approves advertising costs for Celebration

BY JOE ASTROUSKI
City Editor

The Charleston City Council voted to pay advertising costs for Eastern's Celebration Festival of the Arts during their meeting Tuesday night. That will cost the city \$2,800 and will be paid with funds from the hotel/motel tax.

"The idea is we take money out of the hotel/motel tax...to encourage more people to come into Charleston and stay (overnight)," said Mayor John Inyart. "It's supposed to be a self-perpetuating fund."

Celebration, which is held at Eastern each year, features musicians, artists and artisans, will be held from May 1 through 3.

"It's a great time for all," said Eric

Wilber, Eastern's student representative to the council. "We certainly do appreciate this money."

The Council also voted to hire country musician Heidi Newfield to play a free concert at the city's annual Red White and Blue Days festival in July.

"This is for the night of (July) third, and it is an 8 p.m. show," Inyart said.

Under Newfield's contract, the city will pay \$15,000 for the concert.

The City Council also passed resolutions continuing tax levy abatements for renovation to the Rotary Park pool in 2003 and updates to the city's Water Treatment Plant in 2004.

Tax levies mean the city will not raise taxes to pay for the projects. The Water Treatment Plant updates are

funded by the city's water and sewer revenues and the Rotary Pool project is paid for by the city's general fund.

The council also approved a Letter of Commitment to Bank of America for a proposed project to lay a new water main between Lincoln Avenue and the Charleston Water Treatment Plant on McKinley Avenue.

The city has already applied for a grant from the Illinois Community Development Assistance Program to pay for the new water main.

"(The letter) says, should we get this grant. (Bank of America) would loan us the balance," Inyart said.

The Community Development Assistance Program grant would give the city \$350,000, while the Bank of America loan would give \$435,576.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, new resident Marcus Richey said he was grateful that the garbage companies in Charleston now offer curbside recycling.

"I would like to thank the city for their support of curbside recycling," Richey said. "I don't care if it's done by (the city) or a private hauler."

Council member Larry Rennels agreed.

"I really want to commend all three of the licensed haulers," said Rennels, adding that his family has signed up for curbside recycling. "Actually, I think our (garbage) bill went down three dollars a month."

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BLOTTER

William A. Bean, 19, of Mazon, was arrested for possession of cannabis at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, said the University Police Department.

David M. Dunne, 19, of Northlake, was arrested for criminal damage to property at 4:26 p.m. on Friday, police said.

Ashley E. Deetjen, 18, of Naperville, was arrested for driving under the influence near the intersection of Fourth Street and Grant Avenue at approximately 1:15 a.m. on Friday, police said.

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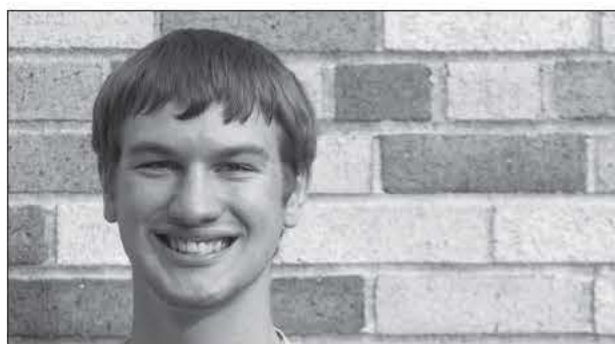
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GREG SAINER

Fairness Doctrine
bad news for media

Recently, talk has arisen in mostly conservative and free speech circles about the resurrection of the Fairness Doctrine. For those who don't know, the Fairness Doctrine was an FCC policy introduced in 1949 that required broadcast license-holders to present controversial public issues in a balanced manner. Basically, both sides of a political or social issue were required to be presented by television and radio stations that might carry talk or news programs.

In 1987, the FCC repealed the Fairness Doctrine, mainly citing violation of the First Amendment as a reason. However, following this past election, several Democratic members of Congress, joined by former president Bill Clinton, have stated they would support a reinstatement of the Fairness Doctrine. Clinton and other supporters have all stated a need for balance between right and left wing opinions in the talk radio spectrum, most notably singling out radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh. This balancing has been presented as a promotion of bipartisanship and a chance for the American people to hear a fair and equal view on social and political issues, all through rebuttal of right-wing radio talk-show hosts by a left-wing counterpart. That is where the problem lies.

The resurrection of the Fairness Doctrine is, in essence, an attempt by Democrats to push their liberal ideology onto conservative and undecided radio listeners. So far, the Democrats do not appear they wish to practice bipartisanship at all, such as during the recent debate and passage of the economic stimulus bill. A lack of willingness to entertain Republican requests for more tax cuts and smaller-government policies has given conservatives the feeling that anything labeled "fair" or "bipartisan" by Democrats simply means whatever will give liberal ideology and policy the advantage.

If the Fairness Doctrine is enacted or brought back by the FCC, the right to free speech—including the right to criticize—of right wing pundits is greatly hindered, if not violated. A little-considered right also comes into play in discussion about the Fairness Doctrine: the rights of listeners. With America's population of around 300 million, the variety of listening choices made each day is astounding. The choices available give all of us the opportunity to hear people we agree with share political information and ideas when we want to hear them.

Despite the allegations that right wing radio makes up the majority of talk radio shows, liberal talk radio exists and is widespread enough to be easily found. Also, the mainstream media has been leaning towards the left for years, even before 1987. Basically, if the Democrats feel right wing talk radio is leaning so heavily on them, perhaps talk radio is criticizing them correctly about whatever is being discussed. The First Amendment gives us the right to voice our opinions about our government's actions and to hear those opinions stated. If that right is taken away, no matter how much in the interest of bipartisanship, our government is no better than that of the former Soviet Union.

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Drawn to Amuse | Kyla Nance



STAFF EDITORIAL

With the stimulus approved,
make FutureGen happen

President Barack Obama signed the economic stimulus bill Tuesday in Denver.

One of the biggest public spending projects since World War II, the package could provide a boost to the FutureGen project in Mattoon.

Pending a decision from the U.S. Department of Energy, funds from the \$787 billion package could be used to fund the estimated \$1.8 billion dollar package.

This project has been delayed by the Department of Energy since 2008.

It is time for this project to be realized.

FutureGen will use gasification to convert coal into hydrogen and carbon dioxide.

Using the hydrogen created, a turbine would be powered to produce electricity. A second turbine would be powered by steam created from the first.

The plant would capture and store 90 percent of the carbon dioxide emissions in the deep geological reservoirs more than one-mile underground in the Mt. Simon Sandstone reservoir.

The plant is expected to create 1,300 construction jobs and 150 permanent jobs once completed. Construction would take more than two years.

Construction of the plant would create more than \$1 billion economic impact statewide and create 1,225 indirect and induced spin-off jobs, according to a Southern Illinois University-Carbondale study.

Once operational, the facility could generate \$135 million in statewide economic output, with an \$85 million annual increase in Coles County.

In a time when economic stability and employment is questionable, adding jobs and pumping money into a project could show signs of future stability.

However, FutureGen would not bring an immediate end to national economic problems.

"I don't want to pretend that today marks the end of our

"But today does mark the beginning of the end, the beginning of what we need to do to create jobs for Americans scrambling in the wake of layoffs."

— President Barack Obama

economic problems," Obama said Tuesday. "Nor does it constitute all of what we have to do to turn our economy around.

"But today does mark the beginning of the end, the beginning of what we need to do to create jobs for Americans scrambling in the wake of layoffs."

In 2008, FutureGen was axed by the Department of Energy, yet the FutureGen Alliance remained committed to the project to further develop clean coal technologies.

It is time for the Department of Energy to release a Record of Decision allowing FutureGen to receive federal funding.

Years of working to bring the project to Mattoon should be realized.

The people of Coles County were ripped of once before, and it is time for results.

A project in the works before Obama became president, FutureGen needs to become a reality.

End the politics and start a project that could stimulate an economy.

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YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE
BESIDES WAL-MART

Bryan Rolfsen's article "Buy local, not corporate" caught my eye.

As an advocate for small, local businesses (my father is a small business owner), I've always been suspicious of Wal-Mart, but when I came to Charleston, my options and pocket-

book were limited. Luckily, since then I've found a variety of options to circumvent buying from the company, including several places that have the products I actually want to buy (i.e., fair trade, no animal testing).

It's unfortunate that so many college students are unaware of the other options or are only thinking of their own budget rather than treating

the extra pennies as an investment in the future of America to not become monopolized by cheap consumer crap.

Please see www.storyofstuff.com as well as the documentary "Wal-Mart: High Cost of Low Prices."

Keep doing good things!

Nicole Mette
Clinical counseling grad student

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CAMPUS | STUDENT SENATE

Additional allocations to be discussed

No bylaw changes at meeting

By **BOB BAJEK**
Student Government Editor

Student Senate will discuss the additional allocations passed at Thursday's Apportionment Board meeting at 7 tonight in the Arcola/Tuscola Room at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The allocations passed amounted to \$32,390.

Student Senate Speaker Drew Griffin said the senate would evaluate the allocations and vote on them at next week's meeting.

AB passed an allocation of \$1,593 for the athletic department and the Blue Crew to send a fan bus to support the men's and women's basketball

teams at the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament in March.

Griffin said he was concerned with 53 basketball fans getting a free ride to Nashville, when they said at the AB meeting they would travel to Nashville on their own initiative.

"Student Senate supports school spirit, but it might be concerned with showing favoritism," Griffin said. "(53 fans) is such a small part of the student population."

Other items on the agenda include the Student Government banners, which will be the only bill voted on. The banners, which cost \$120, are for the Student Government issue tables the organization will use.

Tonight's meeting will have no bylaw changes on the floor, with the leave of absence bylaw change approved and the campus involvement bylaw change not passed last week.

Griffin said to his knowledge, no one is attempting to rework the campus involvement bylaw change, but he said he thinks a compromise may be possible.

He also said the members had a healthy debate at the senate's previous meeting. Griffin's view on the senate's debate is contrary to what some members feel.

Student Senate member Michael Whildin was the lone abstention that affected the campus involvement bylaw change. The vote did not meet the two-thirds majority of a quorum with a vote of 14-7-1.

Whildin said he agreed with the bylaw change initiating campus and constituency involvement and removing the diversity requirement.

"To me, when it comes to a bylaw change, it is internal matters and if you would give a poll to students, most of them won't care because this

is an apathetic campus," Whildin said. "I probably brought up my policy at a bad time because if there was a bylaw that would directly affect students, this was it."

"But the principle of a bylaw change is something I'm not voting on right now as a statement. I don't feel voting on how I do my job will affect students."

Whildin said members should show more passion for asking students about issues. He said he is in favor of Student Government issue tables resolution passed Feb. 4 but has not gone to a table yet.

Isaac Sandidge, co-chair of the Internal Affairs Committee, said that Student Government has set up no tables yet, but he hopes tabling will start soon.

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Acid Reflux

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Robert Talmore, a sophomore psychology major, experienced a recent bout with acid reflux.

"I didn't know I had it until I was diagnosed," Talmore said. "It felt awful. My chest burnt, it was hard to swallow."

Talmore experienced acid reflux for about a week.

"I was instructed to take Prilosec and change my diet to less acidic food," Talmore said. "I felt better within a few days."

Several strategies and medications are available for treating acid reflux.

Keeping one's body elevated makes acid less likely to travel up the esophagus, Miller said.

Sleeping with one's head elevated higher than one's feet can also be helpful, he said.

Dietary changes can be a big help in fighting acid reflux as well.

Eating smaller amounts of food more often throughout the day and eating healthier foods can be of great assistance.

Medications for acid reflux are very prevalent and several.

Some medications include Pepcid, Zantac, Tums and Nexium, which can be found over-the-counter, Miller said.

Miller has dealt with acid reflux first hand.

He said he has found these strategies to be the most helpful.

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EWP

FROM PAGE 1

"We will encourage them with whatever means we have through the advising process, e-mails and doing better in school with improved writing," Lord said. "We haven't talked about the nature of the sanctions yet because it's been only one semester."

During summer 2006, Eastern reviewed the mandatory requirement of submitting an EWP piece from a senior seminar.

Lord said 10 to 15 percent of portfolios were reviewed while most of the portfolios would contain seminar samples.

"What they learned is that we weren't getting good samples of writing so it wasn't getting us a feel for our students abilities because

senior seminar submissions were less sophisticated than previous coursework," Lord said.

Irwin pointed out the general reasons for the seniors' poor performance would be due to their spending more time in their major classes.

The data for the new EWP is only from the fall semester, Lord said. But he did say there could be an improvement.

"Students who have submitted two writing samples in the fall showed improvement on the second score," Lord said. "Whether it was a coincidence because it was a small number or whether students were really improving has to be seen throughout more semesters before we could answer it."

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Candidate

FROM PAGE 1

James Ochwa-Echel, coordinator for the African American Studies program and member of the search committee, said Omachonu was an excellent candidate.

"He is knowledgeable about the college and seems to have done his homework of what is the responsibility of the dean," Ochwa-Echel said.

Omachonu said he would look at increasing student participation programs such as study abroad.

Before his current position at Middle Tennessee, Omachonu served as the chairman for the department of communication at Wayne Paterson University in Wayne, N.J.

He also served as chairman of the department of mass communications at Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, Ga.

He was also assistant professor of journalism at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Fla.

He said he preferred small cities and college towns to metropolitan areas.

"This is my kind of place," he said.

Omachonu said he liked the easy access of the campus because he tends to work some Saturdays.

"From what I see so far, I like it," he said.

Omachonu will meet with College of Arts and Humanities faculty and chairs today, before touring the campus and meeting with the search committee and the dean's office staff.

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Cusack

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In addition to being a force on the scoreboard, Hudson is also a force in the paint averaging 7.6 rebounds per game and 4.1 assists per game.

Hudson is projected by draftexpress.com as a late second round pick in this year's NBA draft and the 18th best senior in the country.

In Eastern's 65-51 loss to the Skyhawks on Jan. 18 in Martin, Tenn., Hudson finished with a game-high 29 points.

The senior ignited the Skyhawks on a 19-2 second half run in the second to come back and put away the Panthers after Eastern had led the game 31-20 at halftime.

Eastern coach Mike Miller said one of the most impressive things about Hudson is that he makes his teammates better.

He knows the Panthers will not be able to shut him down 100 percent, but it is important to limit Hudson's teammates from scoring.

The Skyhawks are averaging a league high 81.1 points per game, which means, although Hudson is a huge part of the Martin's game, the rest of the team is also a threat to score a lot of points.

The Panthers and the Skyhawks are entering the games on different streaks.

The Skyhawks have won their

last 10 games, which ranks third in the nation.

The Panthers have lost their last three games.

The Panthers will not limit Hudson completely as no team in the nation has been able to so far. Eastern's coaching staff is right on keeping an eye on Hudson, while trying to limit the Skyhawks' other players in giving them the best chance to win the game.

It will also be important for the Panthers to get going early and get

out to a lead because Martin can score in bunches and get up quick. And the Panthers don't want to continue their losing streak.

Eastern has qualified for the OVC Tournament, and can finish no worse than seventh.

But the Panthers have an opportunity to win out and possibly host a first-round game in the conference tournament.

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Kluempers

FROM PAGE 8

"She's one of those kids that no matter what year it was, everybody on the team liked her," Sallee said. "That sounds simple, but on a team it doesn't happen a whole lot and she's just got that type of personality where she can rip your head off and then you want to hang out with her."

Kluempers said while she's proud of the fact that the team has begun to win, it is about more than winning games with her.

"It's not so much about being proud of winning, I'm proud that

we are leaving behind a tradition, giving the program different expectations."

Kluempers will graduate in the spring with a degree in business marketing. She said she has no idea what she's going to do after she graduates.

"I was thinking coming into college about going into something in sales or advertising, something along those lines. But I have absolutely no idea. I'm going to graduate here and go into the real world with an open mind. Wherever it takes me, I just want to be happy. We'll see."

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Parrish

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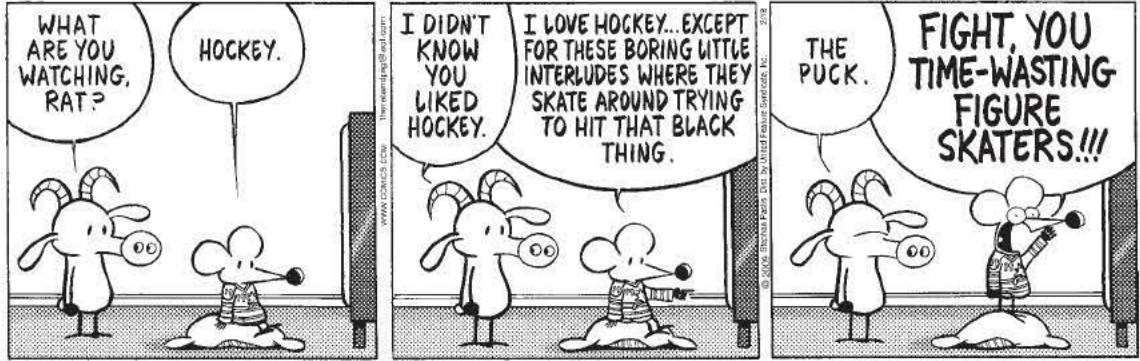
Parrish and the Panthers (11-14, 8-7 Ohio Valley Conference) will have their hands full against the Skyhawks (18-6, 11-3), who boast the nation's second leading scorer in senior guard Lester Hudson. Hudson is averaging 27.6 ppg this season. UT Martin is coming into the game with the third longest winning streak in the nation at 10 games and is a half game behind Morehead State for the top spot in the OVC.

Parrish said it will be a great sendoff for himself to win his final home game against one of the conference's top teams, but that a win would be more important because the team needs a win right now to compete for a home playoff game in the OVC Tournament.

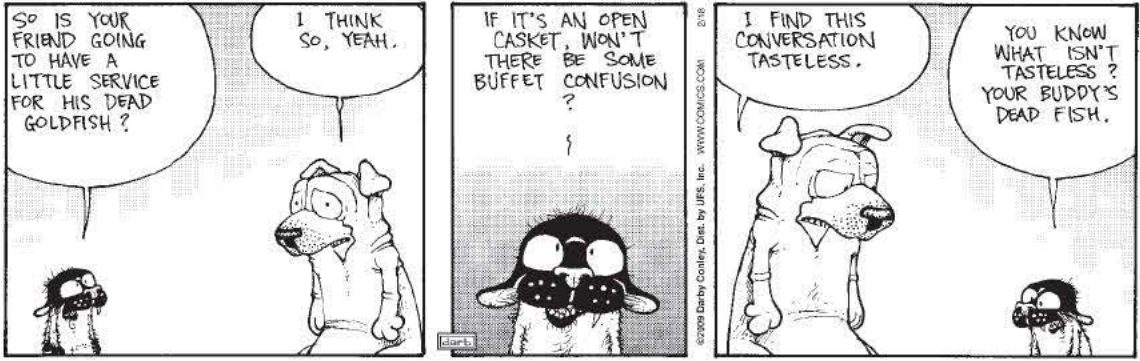
The top four teams host a first round game, and the Panthers are in sixth place and are behind Murray State (15-10, 10-5) and Eastern Kentucky (16-10, 9-6).

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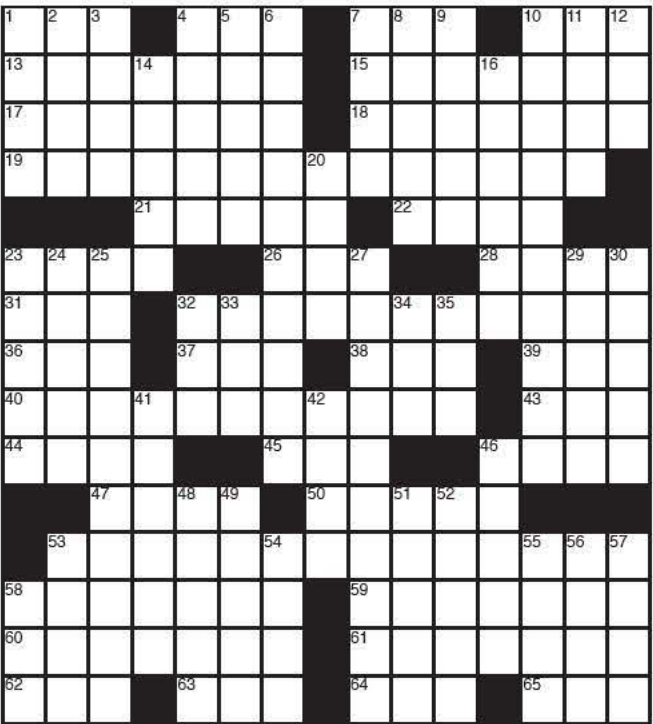
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 - 15 Expert at interpreting a text
 - 17 It's "ascending" in a Vaughan Williams piece
 - 18 Contents of a lode
 - 19 E'er
 - 21 Justin Timberlake's former group
 - 22 Badlands sight
 - 23 "____ te llamas?" (Spanish 101 question)
 - 26 Hammarskjöld of the U.N.
 - 28 Inspiration for Hunter S. Thompson
 - 31 Egg: Prefix
 - 32 Heir
 - 36 Dudes
 - 37 Blow away
 - 38 La mer, e.g.
 - 39 Uncle of fiction
 - 40 Eyre
 - 43 "Winnie the Pooh and Tigger ____"
 - 44 "Beetle Bailey" dog
 - 45 Not budging
 - 46 Talks one's head off
 - 47 Instrument you blow into
 - 50 Low-lying wetland
 - 53 Air
 - 58 Zagat's readers, informally
 - 59 Ape
 - 60 Cheese for French onion soup
 - 61 It may be hidden under a shirt
 - 62 "____ Mine" (1957 hit by the Platters)
 - 63 Sault ____ Marie
 - 64 Cincinnati-to-New York dir.
 - 65 Pip at the start of "Great Expectations," e.g.
- DOWN
- 1 Prefix with -gon
 - 2 Actress Arlene
 - 3 Chose, as lots
 - 4 Holds back
 - 5 Equine
 - 6 Bad behavior
 - 7 Sub at the office
 - 8 "Lost time is never found again," e.g.
 - 9 Actress Zellweger



PUZZLE BY OLIVER HILL

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 10 Flowerpot material
- 11 Buckwheat's affirmative
- 12 Electric ____
- 14 Grassy plain
- 16 Subtly suggests
- 20 Elite Eight org.
- 23 Money-saving restaurant offer
- 24 Flagrant
- 25 Like a stereotypically bad professor
- 27 Man-eating shark
- 29 Bygone Apple laptop
- 30 Autos for test-driving
- 32 Hair lacking care
- 33 Be in the red
- 34 Fire
- 35 Orange or plum
- 41 Nonentity
- 42 Boxer Willard defeated by Jack Dempsey for the world heavyweight title
- 46 Isaac Bashevis Singer story "the Yeshiva Boy"
- 48 Off-Broadway awards
- 49 Critic Roger
- 51 Capital of Jordan
- 52 Singer Frankie
- 53 Peeved
- 54 "Gotcha"
- 55 Ace
- 56 Highest European volcano
- 57 One of two in a 47-Across
- 58 Alphabet trio

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NATIONAL SPORTS

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NHL
Saint Louis at Columbus |
6 p.m. on FSN Midwest

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Providence at No. 7 Louisville |
6:30 p.m. on ESPN2

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Eastern vs. Tennessee Martin |
7 p.m. on WEIU

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Indiana State at S. Illinois |
7 p.m. on WTWO

NBA
Orlando at New Orleans |
7 p.m. on ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Oklahoma State at Texas Tech |
8:30 p.m. on ESPN2

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Ohio State at Northwestern |
8:30 p.m. on Big Ten

SCOREBOARD

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
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No. 13 Clemson 93, Maryland 64
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DAN CUSACK

Hudson
presents
threat

The Eastern men's basketball team will have its hands full against Tennessee Martin on Wednesday night at Lantz Arena.

Not only will the Panthers be playing against the top team in the Ohio Valley Conference – the Skyhawks – but they also have the task of trying to contain one of the nation's top scorers.

Skyhawk senior guard Lester Hudson is second in the nation in scoring, behind Davidson guard Stephen Curry, with 27.9 points per game. More impressively, Hudson is the only player in the nation to score 20 points a game.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN VS. TENNESSEE MARTIN

Parrish, Panthers want win

Team looks to end
losing streak

By DAN CUSACK
Sports Reporter

Tonight's Eastern men's basketball game against Tennessee Martin will not be just another game for Billy Parrish.

For the Eastern senior forward from Naperville, it could be his last game at Lantz Arena.

"It is going to be sad," Parrish said. "My time at Eastern went by so fast."

Parrish, Eastern's lone senior and the last of former coach Rick Samuels recruits, will be honored 10 minutes before the 7 p.m. tip off for the Panthers' Senior Night in the last regular home season game.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said Parrish, who is averaging 6 points and 4.9 rebounds a game, has played well for the Panthers throughout his career, but this is among Parrish's best season. He said he has brought a lot to the Panthers this season and has played with a consistent level throughout.

"A lot of guys have different roles, but he is a great energy guy," Miller said. "He has had some games for us where he has put up numbers, but a lot of what he does doesn't always show up on stat sheets."

He makes his free throws, takes charges, hustles up and down the court and is terrific at setting



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Eastern senior forward Billy Parrish dribbles the ball against Southeast Missouri's LaMont Russell on Feb. 7 at Lantz Arena. Parrish and the Panthers will be playing its final regular season home game tonight.

screens."

Eastern junior center Ousmane Cisse said Parrish has taught him a lot and he will be missed next season.

"He has a great personality and

brings a lot of energy to our team," Cisse said. "He brings experience to our team because he's been here longer than anyone. He has been a big influence to me especially with how

he plays defense, but also with hustle, how he practices and always communicating on the court."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Kluempers improves shot, becomes leader

Senior worked on
shot selection after
sophomore season

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

Editor's Note: Assistant Sports Editor Collin Whitchurch will be profiling each of the women's basketball team's five seniors leading up to the team's Senior Night at 3 p.m. Saturday against Murray State. Today's profile is of forward Lindsey Kluempers.

At the end of her sophomore season, Lindsey Kluempers had hit a crossroads.

Kluempers, now a senior, had been told by Eastern women's basketball head coach Brady Sallee that if she did not become one of the best shooters on the team, it was unlikely she would see one more minute on the court.

"I think being in a position like that kind of woke me up," said the 6-foot-1 forward. "I was kind of sleepwalking through my first two years and it was eye-opening. Me and (senior guard Ellen Canale) spent that whole summer living on campus and spent probably 85 percent of our time in the gym just shooting."

The next season, Kluempers not only played, but she played more



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Eastern senior forward Lindsey Kluempers defends against Illinois-Chicago's Jessie Miller. Kluempers is one of five seniors on the women's basketball team. Kluempers shot 47.7 percent from the beyond the arc last season.

minutes than she did in her freshman and sophomore years combined. She started all 32 games for

the Panthers and set a single-season 3-point field goal percentage record by shooting 47.7 percent that sea-

son.

"A lot of kids at that point would have turned around and made me the villain and she didn't do that," Sallee said. "She looked in the mirror and said, 'He's right, and I'm going to show him that I can do this.' From that point on she's been our starting 4-player. I'm as proud of her as I've ever been of a player for accepting the challenge and stepping up to the plate."

Kluempers will play her final regular season home game for the Panthers Saturday at 3 p.m.

She has started every game she's been healthy for in the past two years except one – on Jan. 3 against Jacksonville State – when she was still recovering from a broken pinkie finger.

But while Sallee credits Kluempers for working on her success, she is modest when it is brought up. Instead she deflects the praise to her teammates and coaches.

"I came here hoping to be able to help build the program into a winner," she said. "It's been a long, long road and we're definitely not finished yet, but I couldn't have asked for better teammates or coaches."

Sallee said Kluempers is a unique person because while teams go through different qualms throughout a season, there were never any between her and a teammate.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

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All Day – Rochester, Mich.

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Thursday vs Tennessee Martin |
7 p.m. – Lantz Arena

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